While active support and sponsorship of terrorism by Pakistan continues, there are no specific reports to corroborate the directions referred to in part (b) of the question.

Additional troops have been inducted into J&K and are kept ready to react to any misadventure Pakistan may undertake along the Border in J&K.

Developing indigenous Technology of vital system

3372. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to inordinate delay by the DRDO in develpoing indigenous technology for vital systems of the Sukhoi-30 fighters has badly affected the supply of these fighters by Russia;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of alternate arrangements made by the Defence Ministry to procure these vital systems to make the fighters updated as intended to be?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Projects delayed because of developing indigenous technology

3373. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to inordinate delay in developing indigenous technology by DRDO for vital systems it has affected major projects;

(b) if so, the details of the projects thus affected during the last five years; and

(c) the steps taken/being proposed to be taken to complete these projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Delay in developing state-of-the-art technologies indigenously has affected development of light combat aircraft (LCA), remotely piloted vehicle (RPV)

Nishant, anti-tank missile system Nag and integrated electronic warfare (EW) system for the Army. LCA and EW programme have further been affected by the sanctions imposed by the western countries after May 1998 nuclear tests.

The indigenous technologies are being developed by pooling the national resources of expertise and infrastructure. National efforts have been launched to develop the technologies affected by sanctions. Some components and sub-systems affected by sanctions are being obtained through alternate sources. Additional monitoring has been introduced to expedite these projects.

Shortcomings in Sukhoi-30 fighters planes

3374. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sukhoi-30 fighters received from Russia possess only limited air defence capabilities;

(b) if so, the steps taken to rectify the shortcomings and bring them to the standards expected to;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have placed a contract for the supply often more Sukhoi fighters inspite of the shortcomings; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No. Sir. The aircraft is optimised for air defence role.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Additional 10 SU-30 K aircraft have been procured last year for the IAF and are already in operation.

Reorganisation of Security System

3375. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former Chiefs of Defence services have recommended reorganisation of the security system in view of Kargil intrusion;

(b) if so, whether the views expressed by former Chiefs of Defence services have been examined;